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1. In 1948 a new agricultural college was opened at 27 Calea Dobrogeanu Gherea, Galati. Approximately 150 students registered for the first school year, including about 20 girls. Within the first three years the number of students increased to 300, about half of whom were girls. The length of the school course was three years, but early in 1952 it was planned to extend the course to three and one-half years. The graduates receive diplomas as agricultural engineers. There were 60 to 70 students in the first graduating class in 1951.
2. In 1948 American textbooks were used as the basic study material, including the work of Professor Lowdermilk and Professor Hugh Harmon Bennett's book on Soil Conservation. A staff of eleven translators was employed to put these books into Rumanian. Near the end of 1949 a freight car of text books arrived from the Soviet Union. These have gradually taken the place of the American books, despite a certain amount of passive resistance on the part of the faculty. Compulsory Russian classes are now held three times a week for faculty and students together.
3. Only four or five of the professors at the college are qualified experts; the remaining professors and instructors are high school teachers and practical agronomists. The following are among the personalities connected with the school:
 - a. Fitoianu (fnu), Director of the Agricultural College at Galati since 1951. Fitoianu was born in Bessarabia and is tall, thin, dark, and about 50 years old. He is a Communist.
 - b. Jelea (fnu), Dean of the Agricultural College, and professor of topography. Jelea is tall, dark, about 40 years old, and not a Party member. He was married to one of the students in 1951.

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- c. Ioan Popescu, lecturer in mathematics and former teacher in a secondary school. She is dark, short, married and has five children.
- d. Hulpoin (fnu), lecturer. Hulpoin is an expert on irrigation and studied in United States under Professor Lowdermilk. He is 43 years old, strongly built, fair-haired, married, has one daughter and is not a Party member.
- e. Nitrofan (fnu), lecturer on surveying, et cetera, formerly a well-known professor at Cluj. He is short, stout, married, has two children, and is about 50 years old.

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